AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the last paragraph beginning on line 26 of page 7 with the following amended paragraph.

The particulate metal of the coating composition can be chosen from the group constituted by the metallic pigments such as aluminium, manganese, nickel, titanium, stainless steel, zinc, their alloys, as well as their mixtures. The particulate metal is advantageously chosen from zinc and aluminium, as well as their alloys and their mixtures or their alloys with manganese, magnesium, tin or Galfan. Galfan refers to an alloy commercially available under that designation. Galfan alloys are a eutectic alloy of 95% zinc, nearly 5% aluminum, and a trace of mischmetal (rare earth elements) as per ASTM B750. Galfan is available from a wide array of suppliers. The particulate metal present in the composition is advantageously in powder form, different homogeneous or heterogeneous geometric structures, especially spherical, lamellar, lenticular forms or other specific forms. The particulate metal advantageously has a particle size of less than 100 µm, even more advantageously less than 40 µm. When the particulate metal is an alloy or a mixture of zinc and aluminium, the aluminium can optionally be present in very small quantities, for example 1 to 5% by weight of the particulate metal, while at the same time nevertheless providing a coating of shiny appearance. customarily, the aluminium represents at least 10% by weight of the particulate metal, thus the weight ratio of the aluminium to the zinc is of the order of 1:9. On the other hand, for reasons of economy, the aluminium does not represent more than approximately 50% by weight of the total zinc and aluminium, so that the weight ratio of the aluminium to the zinc can reach 1:1. The content of particulate metal of the coating composition will not exceed approximately 40% by weight of the total weight of the composition in order to maintain the best coating appearance and will customarily represent at least 105 by weight in order to obtain a shiny coating appearance.